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This is a response to the final Office Action mailed May 3, 2007. Claims 1-9, 15-18, 25-29, 32, 33, and 36-38 are pending. Claims 10-14, 19-24, 30, 31, 34, and 35 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended. New claims 37 and 38 have been added.

In this final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9, 11, and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C.103(a); indicated that claims 12-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form; and allowed claims 25-29, 32, 33 and 36.

Claims 12-14 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. This was done by incorporating the substance of claim 12 into independent claim 1 to provide amended claim 1, by incorporating the substance of claim 13 into independent claim 1 to provide new claim 37, and by incorporating the substance of claim 14 into independent claim 1 to provide new claim 38. Thus, independent claim 1 and claims 2-9, and 15-18 that depend therefrom, as well as independent claims 37 and 38, are believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

As such, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-9, 15-18, 25-29, 32, 33, and 36-38 are in condition for immediate allowance. An early allowance is therefore respectfully requested. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for her help in defining allowable subject matter in this patent application.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned at (949) 752-7040 is welcomed and encouraged.

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